

PATENT
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REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 8, 2005. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

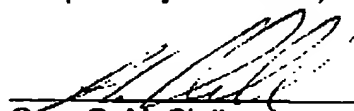
Claims 1-46 are pending in the application. Claims 12, 36 and 46 remain pending following entry of this response. Claims 1-11, 13-35 and 37-45 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Examiner has objected to claims 12, 36, and 46 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 12, 36 and 46 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 12, 36, and 46 are placed in condition for allowance.

As to Examiner's rejections of remaining claims 1-11, 13-35 and 37-45, Applicants have canceled the remaining claims without prejudice and reserve the right to file a continuing application.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed. Notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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